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Asia: reaching Pacific 1649.  
Reached Alaska 1784 and  
California 1812.

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Breakout of the Russians.

The Russians enlarged their European territory, and then crossed the Ural mountains in 1586, at the start of an expedition across Asia. They subdued the peoples of the forests and the steppes, and reached the Pacific Ocean in 1649.

During this period, the Russian peasants were reduced to serfdom, just when

seafaring powers in Northwestern  
Europe were mobilizing the human  
resources of free peoples